

1 May 2020: Global logistics operations COVID-19 update

Today, the WHO reported 3,388,936 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in 185 countries/regions worldwide. Supply chain is an essential service and critical to support the infrastructure for our communities. Government agencies and health organizations around the world continue to adjust guidelines as the situation evolves. The challenges supply chains are facing (e.g., transport, manufacturing, cost, etc.) in this environment are changing daily. We are adapting solutions to mitigate the impact of these changes to supply chain operations. Updates on operations and carriers regarding COVID-19 impacts are below. Today’s changes are highlighted yellow.

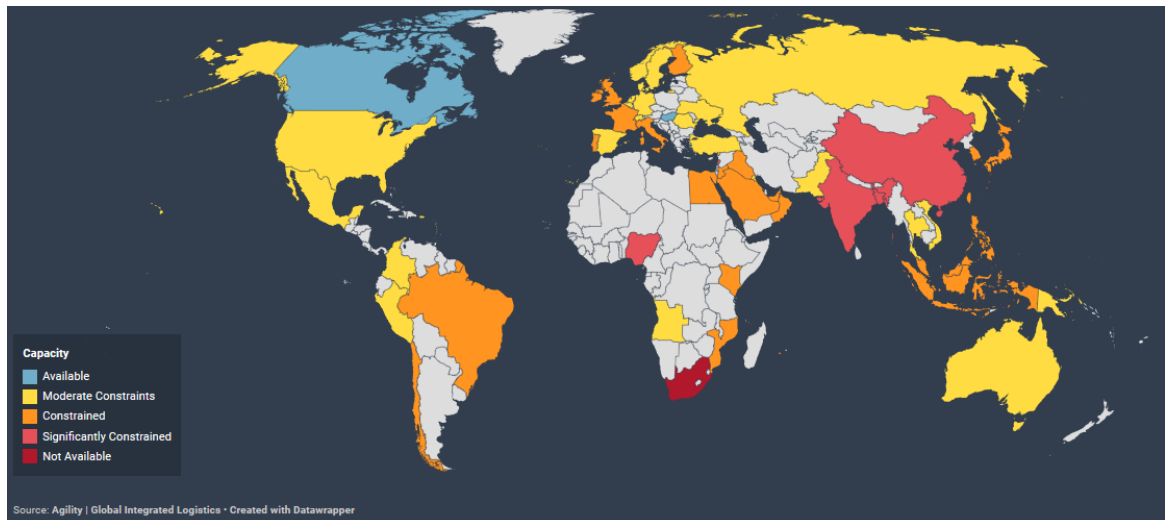
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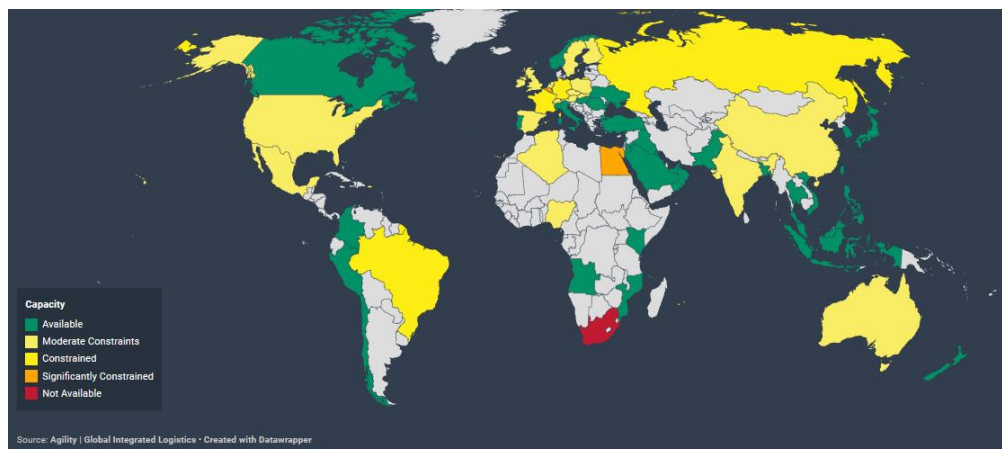
Summary

The ability to move goods is reduced compared to pre-COVID-19 times. The challenges we are facing include reduction of number of available aircraft and vessels; increased border crossing lead-times in several countries; shortages of ocean containers; and cost increases for all modes of transit. Some of the headwinds faced include:

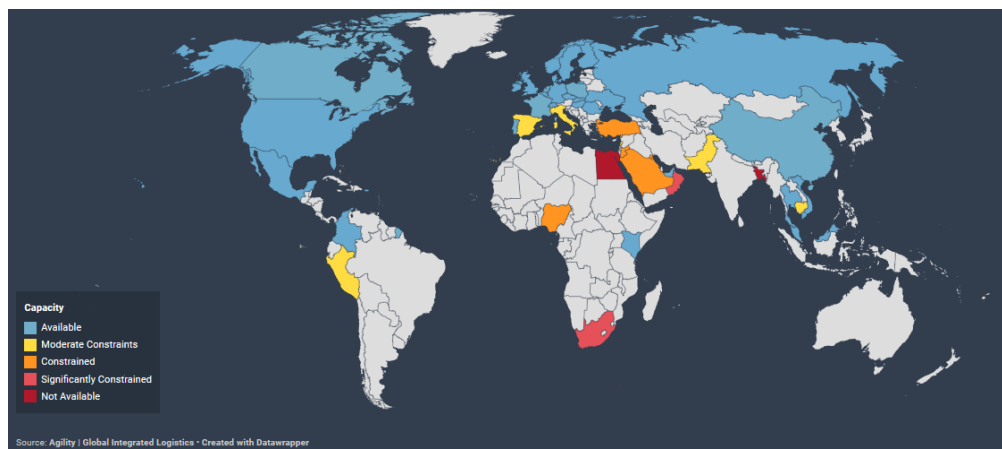
- Air
 - Global air cargo capacity is slowly recovering. Last week it was 29% below levels for same week in 2019, Seabury says. That is an improvement from the prior week when capacity was 31% below prior-year levels. Capacity remains down by double digits across all lanes, except Transpacific, which is down 9%.
 - Global freight capacity has increased steadily in recent months. Widebody belly capacity showed a slight uptick last week as the result of added “passenger-freighter” flights. Airports in Asia Pacific and the Middle East showed the largest gains in widebody belly capacity last week.
 - China and Hong Kong air cargo capacity have almost returned to 2019 levels, at least partially due to urgent exports of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Total air cargo capacity out of China is nearly at 2019 levels because added freighter capacity is nearly compensating for the loss of widebody belly capacity on passenger flights, Seabury says.
 - More than 90% of Transpacific air cargo capacity is now being handled by freighters. Transpacific eastbound freight capacity has increased 150% since February.
 - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has issued new guidelines for the safe transport of cargo in the cabins of passenger aircraft. Airlines around the world have been using their widebody aircraft for cargo-only flights that use belly space to move air shipments. Now some wish to use passenger cabins to carry additional air freight.



- Ocean
 - The biggest current impact of COVID-19 is on space and container availability throughout the world.
 - Due to reduced volumes, resulting from the fast spreading Coronavirus and a corresponding collapse in demand throughout numerous key markets, the ocean carriers have reacted by pulling out capacity in the form of additional blanks sailing and by eliminating complete strings, reducing total capacity by 50%+ in some large volume trades. These reduced capacities have resulted in an upheaval of traditional container positioning patterns, and we are seeing several shortages of equipment and space to accommodate the still robust trades, such as Europe to Far East.
 - It is difficult to predict how these patterns will develop over the next few weeks and months, as a number of countries have stopped all commercial containers coming in and out of the country during these extended lockdown periods. We expect carriers to apply Equipment Repositioning Charges/Fees and Peak Season Surcharges where commercially feasible during Q2 2020 and beyond



- Parcel: Emergency surcharges for FedEx, UPS and DHL are now in place to cover increased operating costs due to COVID-19.
- Road/Trucking:
 - The Road Freight market is feeling the effects of COVID-19. Impact is different based on the on-the-ground situation, but in many countries, market conditions are driving delays in pick-up and deliveries, changing lead times and unforeseen costs.
 - North American Intermodal volumes continue to drop on a year to year basis with trailers down 21.7% and international containers down 7.6%.



Ocean Operations

- Global schedule reliability of liner shipping companies dropped to the lowest recorded level since Sea-Intelligence introduced the score in 2011. Namely, in February 2020 the schedule reliability was down by a further 3.4 percentage points month on month hitting 65.1% (World Maritime News April 3rd)
- Capacity reductions set to stay. By removing capacity from the container shipping market, carriers have managed to maintain freight rates so far. Further blankings are likely on non-mainlane trades, however, new wave of cuts likely as China export demand falls. (Lloyds List April 6)
- The recovery in containerized exports from China may prove short-lived as retailers in North America and Europe respond to a slump in consumer spending, with serious consequences for container lines that had been hoping for a return to relative normality during the summer.
- The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) has urged governments to act to ensure that ports remain open to allow the freight and logistics sector to help tackle the Covid-19 crisis. FIATA noted that although announcements were already being made about what may be “the largest drop in the volume of shipments in living memory”, international trade and logistics, although severely affected by the international Covid-19 corridors by air, sea and land, “continues to function” – although only just.

Asia/Oceania:

- Australian ports require any inbound vessel to travel at minimum of 14 days. Maritime Safety Queensland has eased its entry restrictions to allow all vessels to call the port of Brisbane except those from China and South Korea.
- Space remains tight as additional void sailings are announced until May by ocean carriers.
- Far East to North America trade will experience 107 blank sailings between week 18 and 29.
- Far East to Europe trade will experience 33 blank sailings between week 18 and 26.
- Advanced bookings are recommended for all trade lanes.
- Singapore eases up on crew change restrictions under certain circumstances. Shipowners and ship agencies may submit their requests to the MPA for consideration.

United States:

- Due to number of blank sailings and idled containerships, Port of Virginia is closing the port's Portsmouth Marine Terminal starting May 4, 2020. Cargo volumes will be consolidated to other terminals.
- Some carriers are offering storage at transshipment ports in order to avoid demurrage fees, also to slow down import at congested ports where importers are unable to pick up their containers.
- Carriers are answering shipper calls to slow down the import of containers that are filled with consumer goods that cannot be sold with non-essential retailers shuttered amid the pandemic lockdown.
- Ocean carriers are willing to make special arrangements for demurrage and detention in case of terminal closure, any restrictions or changes of earliest return date for export. Any third-party expense such as chassis, storage fees, etc. is not covered by ocean carrier.
- US Terminals slow down operations as imports fall away. While some terminals are working normal hours, others are operating under reduced hours or closed 1-2 days during week.
- Equipment availability remains challenging especially in some inland locations.
- Due to low import volume exporters have been dealing scarcity of empty containers for weeks.
- GRI from U.S. to Asia, Oceania, Middle East, India Sub applied by majority of carriers effective April 01st. Additional GRI announcements are introduced by carriers for May 01 and May 15 to most destinations.
- Space availability is an issue. Advanced bookings are recommended for all trade lanes.
- Free time requests have become restricted globally. Existing free times are being honored so far.
- Ocean carriers are asking all customers to use their available online tools when possible before contacting them via phone or email. The request includes online payments as well. No physical documents are accepted by ports.
- Ocean carriers are requesting all disputes are submitted within 5 days or as soon as possible.

Canada:

- Ports and offices are working normal hours.
- Equipment availability is not a concern currently.
- Drayage and trucking operations is running smoothly.

Middle East/India Sub/Africa:

- India - Officials announced extended lockdown until May 03 for the entire country.
 - Ports and ICDs are working with limited number of staff. All major ports are functional, and productivity is normal, berthing of some vessels is getting delayed due to quarantine requirements of Port Health Office.
 - Indamex service (India – US) have announced one voyage sliding due to unavailability of cargo/bookings, other services may follow the same.
 - There is delay in new booking release, MBL release and Import DO Issuance
 - Space availability from India Sub and Middle East to Asia is challenging. There has been a significant increase in rates.
 - Most countries are under curfew until further notice. Ports are operating normal hours. Port wait time is long in some countries for inbound vessels.
- Bangladesh - Vessels can berth after 16 days instead of 14 days from the date of sailing from any Chinese Port. Moving containers on or off dock became difficult due to occupancy. Import containers are waiting 25-26 days for railway wagon. Bangladesh is also looking at shifting more boxes from congested Chittagong port.
- Kuwait - Container terminals are operating with normal hours.
 - All marine agencies are required to provide a copy of their logbook for the past 30 working days.
 - Kuwait and Saudi borders are restricted to move essential commodities such as food and medical supplies only. Boarder authorities in KSA recommending other commodities to move by Sea or Air.
 - Borders of Maritime placed restrictions or are closed for entry of vessels that visited the most affected countries.

Europe:

- Blanked sailings may about to reach its peak, according to Danish consultancy firm Sea-Intelligence. Recorded blanked sailings as a result of the coronavirus pandemic now stand at 456, of which 342 were on the main deep-sea trade lanes. "For the Asia-Europe and transpacific trades alone, the amount of removed weekly carrying capacity increased from 3.1m TEU last week, to 3.4m TEU this week," Sea- Intelligence said. "Compared with the typical downturn during Chinese New Year, this implies a potential global loss of volume of 7.4m TEU in 2020." Data from Sea-Intelligence shows that Asia-North Europe trade lane reached 38% of cancelled capacity last week. The consultancy anticipates the other deep-sea trades will also reach peak impact with, for example the Mediterranean to North America East Coast having 33% blank capacity in week 19 and Asia to East Coast South America seeing a staggering 59% capacity removal in week 20.
- For Asia-North Europe the cancelled capacity is expected to be in excess of 35%, while for both Asia-Mediterranean and Asia-East Coast South America the cancelled capacity exceeds 30%.
- Container lines face growing pressure to suspend low sulfur surcharges and drastically cut other fuel charges levied on shippers as the crash in oil prices dramatically reduces the cost of bunker fuels. Lines pass on the cost of fuel to customers via Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) fees and various Low Sulphur Surcharges (LSS) using complex methodologies which typically means there is a lengthy lag between changes in the fuel price being reflected in revised surcharges for customers.
- Second wave of blankings could disrupt European exports. Falling import demand sees carriers announce massive cuts in capacity. But moves to maintain rates could make life for those sectors still looking to export from Europe. First half of 2020 will see a 17% reduction in capacity on the Asia–Europe trade lane (Lloyds List, April 24).
- Reports of ports suffering congestion as consignees and their forwarders were unable or unwilling to collect imports were today backed up by new data showing higher utilization of storage areas and warehouse.
- Limited capacity and lack of equipment (special in particular: 2 weeks delay from booking to pick up day) is still an issue, blank sailings from FE are not giving a good contribution to solve this problem.

- Ports, terminal, depots, rail services, trucking services are almost fully functioning
- More container service cancellations likely as another wave of cuts in deployed capacity and further reduced frequency of maritime container services is expected in the coming weeks due to the coronavirus, resulting in about 27% of supply being removed from the Asia-Europe trade alone.
- Blanked sailings are expected to increase for certain trade lanes. Carriers are rapidly reducing head haul capacity from Asia Pacific. This risks a shortage of equipment being imported for backhaul volumes.
- Space and equipment shortages are being reported in all locations.
- Rate increase announced for export to North America and Mexico.
- All ports remain operational. There is no report of any port closure now.
- Trucking shortages are being reported in and out of effected countries.

Latin America:

- Increased pressures reported in several terminals in Latin America. The performance of those terminals slowed down as they face cumulative difficulties to move containers in and out of the terminal.
- Ports and operations are running smoothly with normal hours.
- Due to transitioning of market rate increase in expected for service to Asia in coming weeks.
- Service to US and Europe is running smoothly with no significant issue. Most vessels are reportedly moving full.

Ocean Port Operations Status

Twenty members of the Port Authorities Roundtable from Asia, Europe, Middle East and North America met on April 24 to declare their commitment to ensuring their ports remain open amidst the current pandemic. The declaration, initiated by Singapore, calls for port authorities to collaborate and share best practices in ensuring that port operations are not disrupted. Through this joint declaration, the signatories are committed to work together and ensure that:

- Merchant ships can continue to berth at port terminals to carry out cargo operations and keep the global supply chain going.
- Best practices are adopted, according to national circumstances, including precautionary measures for the shipping community, advisories and assistance for shore personnel and ship crew, and safe handling of cargoes during this period; and
- Port authorities continue to share experiences in combating COVID-19 while safeguarding unimpeded maritime trade.

The Roundtable has shared the declaration with the IMO and the International Association of Ports and Harbors to rally other port authorities to join the declaration.

- India Ports (Nhava Sheva, Mundra, Pipavav, Chennai and Calcutta) are operational with limited staff
- Prince Rupert – normal
- Vancouver – normal
- Montreal - normal
- Halifax – normal
- Seattle: Fri 5/1– T18 closed.
- Tacoma: Fri 5/1 – PCT and WUT closed.
- Los Angeles/Long Beach: Wed 4/29 LBCT and YTI 1st shift closed. Matson terminal 2nd shift closed. APMT and pier A closed all day. Thu 4/30 LBCT 1st shift closed. Everport and its 2nd shift closed. EMS closed all day. Friday 5/1 Everport 2nd shift closed. APMT, EMS, Trapac, WBCT, YTI, ITS, LBCT Matson terminal, PCT, Pier A and TTI closed all day
- Oakland: All terminals closed Fri May 1 due to ILWU stop work.
- Port Everglades: FIT closed Thu April 30.
- Houston: normal
- New Orleans: normal
- Mobile: normal

- Tampa: normal
- Port Everglades: normal
- Miami: normal
- Jacksonville: normal
- Savannah: normal
- Virginia: Portsmouth Marine Terminal will be closed starting May 04, 2020. Cargo volumes will be consolidated to other terminals.
- Norfolk: normal
- Charleston: normal
- Baltimore: normal
- Philadelphia: normal
- New York: normal
- Boston – normal
- Rotterdam: normal
- Le Havre: normal
- Hamburg – normal
- Antwerp – normal
- Felixstowe – normal

Commercial Air Operations Update

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) renewed its call for government relief measures as the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis in MENA deepen. Middle East airlines could lose \$24 billion of passenger revenue compared to 2019. That is \$5 billion more than was expected at the beginning of the month. Job losses in aviation and related industries could grow to 1.2 million. That is half of the region's 2.4 million aviation-related employment. Previous estimate was 9 million. Full-year 2020 traffic is expected to plummet by 51% compared to 2019. Previous estimate was a fall of 39%. GDP supported by aviation in the region could fall by \$66 billion from \$130 billion. Previous estimate was \$51 billion.

Major network airline groups including IAG Cargo, Lufthansa Cargo and Air France KLM Cargo have also been ramping up their cargo-only passenger flights, including KLM Cargo reviving its B747 combi aircraft to operate as semi-freighters. And Virgin Atlantic Cargo also announced yesterday it will resume scheduled services to China, operating three flights a week between Heathrow Airport and Shanghai, to help fill strong demand ex- Shanghai for healthcare shipments.

Handling issues compound capacity challenges. Social distancing and stricter rules aimed at preventing the further spread of coronavirus are reducing the efficiency of air cargo handling, adding time into supply chains and in effect limiting overall available capacity, according to leading forwarders (Lloyds Loading List, April 8)

Asia-Europe air rates increased rapidly last week, the latest figures from TAC Index show that average prices from Shanghai to Europe last week increased by a huge 42.3%, a record for the index. There was also, a 27.4% week-on-week increase on services from Hong Kong to Europe – also a trade lane record for the index. Rates dropped on the westbound transatlantic – down 18.9% on Frankfurt to North America. Chicago to Europe registered a 15.9% increase. (Air Cargo News, April 7). Airfreight rates between China and Europe increased rapidly last week but there was a drop to North America.

Despite an accelerating drop in overall global tonnages carried by air at the end of last month, international air freight forwarders continue to report tight capacity on many key lanes – notably ex-Asia and the transatlantic.

IATA released an information page listing the status of air lines globally, which is free for all to access; <https://www.tact-online.org/covid-19>. IATA has welcomed the European Commission's (EC) Guidelines on Facilitating Air Cargo Operations During the Covid-19 Outbreak. IATA said that the EC has understood the industry's challenges and provided comprehensive and practical guidance to ensure that permissions to operate are quickly granted and that air crew are able to operate efficiently with exemptions from quarantine measures global airlines face \$39bn in second quarter net loss as revenue and traffic plummet, IATA says.

World goods trade is expected to fall by between 13% and 32% in 2020 as the COVID 19 pandemic disrupts normal economic activity and life around the world, the World Trade Organization (WTO) forecasts, with a recovery expected in 2021 dependent on the duration of the outbreak and the effectiveness of policy responses. WTO predicted that nearly all regions will suffer double-digit declines in trade volumes in 2020, with exports from North America and Asia hit hardest. It said trade will likely fall steeper in sectors with complex value chains, particularly electronics and automotive products.

- Delta Cargo and American Airlines Cargo are the first Vendors to make use of the free PayCargo community service. The online payment company has launched a free communication mechanism that allows vendors such as airlines, ship terminals, and maritime operators to share key information with the 20,000-plus payer users in the company's online system. The service enables vendors to communicate the availability of new capacity options to payers and has been launched to help the freight and shipping community as it contends with global supply chain challenges due to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Airbus & Boeing - With the coronavirus pandemic affecting the aviation industry, Airbus and Boeing find themselves in an unprecedented crisis. The financial impact has hit both manufacturers that are forced to burn through their cash to keep their supply lines active. Airbus opened the dance early on the morning of April 29, 2020, by reporting a net loss of \$521 million in the first quarter of 2020. Chief Executive Guillaume Faury warned its troops two days before: "The survival of Airbus is at stake if we do not act now." 122 aircraft were delivered, 40 fewer than last year. Another 60 planes were produced but saw their deliveries deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The position of Boeing is hardly more favorable, as later in the day, it reported a net loss of \$641 million. For Boeing, this is a second consecutive quarter in the red, and the manufacturer is already affected by another crisis – the grounding of its 737 MAX, lasting for over a year now. Only 50 aircraft were delivered, a third of last year's performance. Yet Boeing President and CEO Dave Calhoun remained confident. "Air travel has always been resilient, our portfolio of products and technology is well-positioned, and we are confident we will emerge from the crisis and thrive again as a leader of our industry," he said.
- Air Canada has significantly reduced its number of flights as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, but it is utilizing its fleet to transport cargo to keep supply chains moving. Check aircanadacargo.com for flight updates. In an operations update, Air Canada said that it has capacity on scheduled wide body flights operating on routes between Canada, Europe and Asia. Capacity is also available on four weekly cargo-only flights to and from Shanghai — and there is a possibility that it will add additional scheduled flights to and from Shanghai too. Additionally, ad-hoc all-cargo flights on Boeing 777 and 787-9 aircraft are available on demand to almost anywhere in the world. Dozens of such flights have operated so far, mostly from Toronto to Europe and Asia. Air Canada suspends all flights to the U.S. through to May 22 due to extension of border closure. Air Canada has reduced its schedule by more than 90% since March 16.
- Air France/KLM Freighters will continue per schedule.
- Air India canceled flights from UK-EU into India, including citizens trying to return home. Flights to Italy, France, South Korean, Kuwait, Spain and Sri Lanka were suspended until April 30.
- American Airlines is expanding its cargo-only operations this month to provide more than 5.5m pounds of capacity to transport critical goods between the US, Latin America, Europe and Asia. The carrier has added flights from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) to Dublin and Hong Kong; flights between New York and London Heathrow (LHR); and flights between Miami (MIA) and Buenos Aires. The airline is also working towards adding cargo-only services to Shanghai and Seoul by the end of the month. In addition to these services, American continues to carry cargo on all its passenger flights. Internationally, the airline runs 17 weekly widebody aircraft flights, each with the capacity to move almost 2 million pounds of cargo per week. These passenger flights on widebody aircraft include a daily service between DFW and LHR, MIA and LHR, and three weekly flights between DFW and Tokyo Narita. (Air Cargo News April 9). American Airlines has implemented a peak season surcharge due to COVID-19; it does not apply to shipments to and from Brazil. Please review their [news release](#) for their updated schedule.
- British Airways call flights from London Gatwick. British Airways to suspend 80% of its staff during COVID- 19 crisis. Direct flights to Tokyo suspended. After the announcement on April 2, 2020, about the furlough of 30,000 workers (all of them retaining 80% of wages), British Airways (BA) now reveals its intentions to dispense with

services of a quarter of its employees. The International Airlines Group (IAG), the controlling company of British Airways, indicated in a statement on April 28, 2020, that although the matter will remain subject to consultation, there is still a high probability it will eventually result in the redundancy of 12,000 BA workers of its 42,000 staff.

- Cargolux will increase freighter capacity to China over the coming weeks as production lines resume operations. The move comes as freighter operators brace for a spike in demand from China as a result of passenger airlines cutting services due to low demand and factories slowly starting to come back online following an extended Chinese New Year break due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- Cathay Pacific (and Cathay Dragon) Cathay Pacific operated just 10% of flights in March 2020, the airline revealed on April 16. However, the Hong Kong-based carrier expects the upcoming months could be even worse, warning that its passenger flights could be down to just 1%. Suspended all freighter flights into all cities in India. As a result of recently announced government-imposed restrictions in India and Vietnam several flights have been cancelled.
Their plan is to resume operations from May 31. Check their [website](#) for additional flight cancellations. Cathay Pacific Airways to make further cuts to flights due to low demand.
- Delta – Service has been suspended between New York and Atlanta to London-Heathrow. Delta Cargo is adjusting operating hours for warehouses, DASH offices and the Cargo Customer Service Center. To see the hours of DASH offices and their global warehouses, please visit [Worldwide Locations](#) on [deltacargo.com](#). This new timeframe will help minimize shipment disruptions as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and impact Delta's flight schedule. Visit [Deltacargo.com](#) for the latest updates. Delta airlines releases list of international services that begin in May. Select services will once again be operational allowing the movement of passengers and cargo.
- Emirates Globally, all PAX operations ended on March 25. They will be operating freighters and PAX freighters only. The only freighters for now that will continue are ORD and IAH. Those stations that have lost belly lift will arrange transport of their shipments to the nearest freighter station. The best thing is to have your local offices stay in touch with the local EK offices. has an updated route map and schedule highlighting new destinations and frequencies for both their Passenger Freighter (PF) and Full Freighter (FF) flights, view the update [here](#). Emirates is to operate all its cargo operations from Dubai International Airport after temporarily suspending operations at Al Maktoum airport from April 1. Emirates' SkyCargo freighter aircraft are usually deployed from Al Maktoum. Emirates SkyCargo said it had "rapidly scaled up its cargo services to connect an increasing number of global destinations", noting that the air cargo carrier was currently operating flights to 51 destinations globally, "out of which 19 cities are served by the Emirates SkyCargo Boeing 777 freighter aircraft offering up to 100 tons of capacity per flight and 38 destinations are served by dedicated cargo flights on Emirates' Boeing 777 passenger aircraft offering up to 50 tons belly capacity"
- Etihad Airways - Ever since suspending all its scheduled passenger service in March 2020, Etihad Airways was eager to resume flights, if only to one destination. However, as the UAE government keeps COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, the Abu Dhabi-based carrier had once again pushed forward the due-date on when this could happen. All flights remain currently suspended, Etihad Airways' website warns customers on April 27, 2020. In its most recent estimations, the carrier planned to reinstate scheduled service by May 1, 2020. However, it now expects to resume scheduled flights no earlier than May 16, 2020. To increase the flow of essential supplies into UAE they are using belly hold capacity on a mix of Boeing 777 and 787 passenger aircrafts, Etihad Cargo has introduced services between Abu Dhabi and Melbourne, Chennai, Kerala, Karachi, and Amsterdam, in addition to passenger freighters already operating scheduled cargo-only flights to Seoul, Beijing, Bangkok, Singapore, Manila, Jakarta, Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore and Riyadh.
- EVA Air still flying into HKG/PVG/PEK at this moment. Freighter service seems normal, but PAX flights have been reduced more than 50%.
- Icelandair announced significant job cuts and a restructuring of its organizational structure. The flag carrier of Iceland indicated that around 2,000 employees would lose their jobs, with crew, maintenance and ground operations personnel affected the most by the job cuts. The airline will introduce a new operational division, responsible for the development of its business and digital processes. The number of executives on the board will be reduced from nine to eight.

- KLM with Royal Philips and the Dutch government to create a special cargo air bridge between the Netherlands and China which was launched on Monday 13th April. For the next six to eight weeks, KLM will specially redeploy Boeing 747 Combi equipment for the service between the Netherlands and China. This air bridge will ensure continuous availability of special cargo capacity, with two weekly flights to Beijing and three weekly flights to Shanghai. This will ensure around 250 tons of extra cargo capacity each way per week.
- Korean Air has started to use passenger aircraft to transport cargo on suspended passenger flights. Flight cancellations into mainland China, refer to their website for the most current updates. Was reported today they both carriers will also suspend all flight to and from Italy.
- LATAM Cargo Capacity between Europe and South America was increased 20%, adding up to a total of six weekly frequencies, largely catering for the transportation of automotive spare parts, general cargo and medicines to South America, as well as transportation of perishable products to Europe. LATAM Cargo has adjusted its international itinerary to strengthen its airfreight links between Latin America and Europe with the addition of a seventh weekly service utilizing one of its B767 freighters. As part of the new itinerary, LATAM Cargo will use Amsterdam as its main point of entry into Europe. LATAM's use of the European hub will benefit exporters of perishables from countries in Latin America, including Chile, Peru, Guatemala and Brazil. LATAM Cargo's return route will originate in Frankfurt, Germany, and will enable cargo such as medical equipment and supplies, and electronics, to be exported from Frankfurt to Latin America.
- Lufthansa Lufthansa is operating two daily flights from Frankfurt to Shanghai (PVG) and one daily service to Beijing (PEK) utilizing an A330-300 aircraft. A A350-900 will take off from Munich daily to Shanghai (PVG) and Beijing (PEK). (Air Cargo Eye, April 14) They will increase freighter capacity to China over the coming weeks as production lines resume operations. The move comes as freighter operators brace for a spike in demand from China as a result of passenger airlines cutting services due to low demand and factories slowly starting to come back online following an extended Chinese New Year break due to the coronavirus outbreak. The remaining flights in the long-haul program are the following, operated three times a week from Frankfurt: Newark (EWR), Chicago (ORD), Montreal (YUL), Sao Paulo (GRU), Johannesburg (JNB), Tokyo (TYO) und Bangkok (BKK). Lufthansa extends cuts until May 3. Lufthansa is operating the cargo flights to Munich with four Airbus A350 passenger aircraft and is flying similar missions with six Airbus A330 planes based in Frankfurt. With these 10 passenger airliners, Lufthansa has created additional airfreight capacity and expanded the Lufthansa Cargo fleet, which has 17 freight- only aircraft. The daily cargo flights with the passenger jets are expected to continue at least until mid- May. Lufthansa may seek creditor protection alongside Berlin rescue talks. While Lufthansa's fleet remains grounded and fixed costs that leases and employee wages keep accumulating, the company is looking for options to weather the storm. One of the options could be to declare self-insolvency protections instead of taking up state aid, which would come with attached strings. Lufthansa is weighing whether to enter the so-called protective shield proceedings. The procedure, like Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the United States, would protect Lufthansa from creditors' actions while it tries to trim its fat and to restructure its business. Such considerations are made since the German government could provide state aid, but it wants to obtain a stake in the company. This would come with several conditions, including seats on the group's board and that the group would guarantee job safety, if Lufthansa wants to obtain the \$9.7 billion (€9 billion) state aid package, reported the Financial Times. Negotiations between the company and the government are still ongoing.
- Qatar Airways Increased its freighter flight frequency to The Netherlands, from nine to 34 flights per week. The carrier is using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft to operate 27 flights per week to Amsterdam and seven per week to Maastricht. Qatar Airways is one of few airlines continuing to maintain scheduled commercial passenger services and over the next two weeks expects to operate 1,800 flights. Qatar Airways decreases flight by more than 75%. Qatar Airways cargo has increased its freighter flight frequency to The Netherlands, from nine to 34 flights per week. The carrier is using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft to operate 27 flights per week to Amsterdam — one of the biggest gateways in Europe — and seven per week to Maastricht. Added air freight capacity to and from India with the utilization of passenger aircraft carrying freight-only from April in addition to the existing freighter service introduced April 1. Addition of 19-weekly belly load services increased the capacity from 2120 ton to 2535 ton. Also introduced freighter flights to and from Australia from April 2 to complement existing belly hold cargo services, adding 200 ton of main deck cargo capacity each week each way to bring combined weekly capacity to more than 550 tons. Twice weekly freighters will be operated to Melbourne and Perth with a tech stop in Singapore.

- Singapore Airlines – Extends Flight cancellations until end of June.
- United Cargo In a letter from the President of United Cargo, Jan Krems, on April 9 she stated the following. “Cargo-only flights program continues to succeed and grow. Since we began using Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft from United’s passenger fleet for this purpose, we have operated over 270 flights carrying more than 4.2 million kilos of cargo. What is behind these numbers is much more important: keeping the global supply chain moving and connecting people to the products they need during this crisis. Our flights are carrying vital medical supplies like test kits and personal protective equipment to healthcare professionals all over the world. We began cargo-only flights on March 19 with service between our U.S. hubs and key cities in Europe: AMS, FRA and LHR. Since then we have added BRU, HKG, PVG, SYD and TLV to our all-cargo flight network, and we expect to begin service to and from CTU, PEK and TPE later this week. As you can tell, expanding our cargo-only flights program is a top priority for our team. United continues to temporarily adjust our passenger flight schedules due to the drop in demand as a result of the pandemic, to keep our employees safe and help to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in certain regions. To ensure you always have the most current flight data, United Cargo maintains a dedicated webpage listing all major COVID-19 schedule adjustments – including our cargo-only flights. This page is continually updated as new changes are made, and you can access it [here](#).” United Cargo has increased its program of cargo-only flights to 150 per week
- UPS Air Cargo As a result of dynamic demand to numerous world regions, effective immediately and until further notice, custom rates may not apply for loose or prebuilt shipments for any US-origin shipments destined to the United Arab Emirates. For rate information, please contact your Sales Representative. As a result of the increased demand to China for UPS Air Cargo Shipments, effective immediately and until further notice, all US origin shipments that are destined to China including PVG, CAN, XMN, SZX, FOC, HKG) custom rates will not apply for loose or prebuilt shipments. For your rate, please contact your Sales Representative.
 - Virgin Atlantic Virgin Atlantic’s founder, Richard Branson, warned that without financial help, the airline may collapse. He asked for \$615 million in state aid in the form of loans from the British government and even offered his private island as security. Salvation, however, will not come from the company co- owner, Delta Air Lines, which possesses 49% of Virgin Atlantic; the remaining 51% belongs to Virgin Group. After reporting a loss of \$534m for the first quarter of 2020, the U.S.-based airline ruled out any cash injection into the ailing British carrier. “These are truly unprecedented times for all of us, including the airline industry. Government travel restrictions and stay-at-home orders have been effective in slowing the spread of the virus, but have also severely impacted near-term demand for air travel, reducing our expected June quarter revenues by 90 percent, compared to a year ago” said Ed Bastian, Delta’s chief executive officer. Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act put in place by the U.S. government, Delta should receive at least \$5.4 billion, including \$1.6 billion in low-interest loans. That money should help the company maintain jobs until the end of September 2020, after which it will be authorized to carry out layoffs. (Clement Charpentreau) Virgin Atlantic plans to operate 90 cargo flights per week in May as production begins to restart and coronavirus-related demand continues. The UK airline said that the move would cater for prime freight markets in the US, Hong Kong and China, India, Israel and South Africa. Virgin Atlantic said that it had 14 aircraft at its disposal for cargo-only operations, including four A350s capable of carrying up to 49 tons of goods. The airline will also operate cargo-only flights through Dublin for the first time to cater for Ireland’s medical technology, electronics and other industries to achieve same day connections to New York JFK, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Tel Aviv and Johannesburg. Services will be operated using the airline’s Boeing 787-9 aircraft, which can carry up to 55 tons of cargo. Virgin Atlantic will also increase its ability to offer exclusive cargo charters, which currently average 13 flights per week.
 - Virgin Australia- with an enormous debt prior to the corona crisis and the local government’s denial of state aid, Virgin Australia might become the first airline to go down under, due to the current pandemic. The airline is reportedly prepared to go into voluntary administration to assess its future, with one of the options being to shut down Virgin Australia completely. The fallout of Virgin Australia would leave

happen. The government has expressed a desire to have “two viable commercial airlines in Australia.” However, it was also reluctant to provide direct support to Virgin Australia, which had asked to provide an \$841 million (AUD1.4 billion) loan. Alan Joyce, the CEO of competing airline Qantas, reiterated that if their main competitors were to get the \$841 million (AUD1.4 billion) loan, the Flying Roo should get \$2.6 billion (AUD4.2 billion).

Charter Operations and Aircraft Availability

- Capacity is available for charters globally, contact us for current rates and availability.
- We have seen opportunities for part charters (20 tons and up) recently, but not seen regularly. If you have an opportunity send us the details and we can work on current, part charter capacity and pricing. Charter prices are based on current availability and that could change rapidly. Capacity and rates have been fluctuating a lot over the past few days.
- We must have a signed charter authorization from our client before we can sign the charter contract with the provider. Make sure you have someone standing by to sign agreements, capacity and rates change quickly.
- On all charters, funds must be received from our client prior to wheels up.

Ground Transport Operations

United States

- Trucking companies are still reeling from drastic declines in rates, as large swaths of the economy remain closed in response to COVID-19. That has hurt the demand for truckload shipments, and prices continue to fall on most major lanes. One small silver lining is that produce season has led to small upticks in load-to-truck ratios, which softened the blow in a handful of markets last week.
- Good news has been hard to come by for motor carriers this month. Truckload volumes remain well below seasonal levels on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, but there was an uptick in dry van shipments last week. That did little to keep spot rates from sliding further, though.
- Deteriorating rates and closed shippers are forcing drivers to consider parking their trucks.
- Some bright spots are emerging with states announcing they are opening back up, some as early as this week.
- Dry Van Rejection rates have fallen to less than 3% on average, pushing spot rates below contracted rates.
- The Industry expects a fragmented recovery this week with reopening plans having a bigger impact by the end of the month. Last week saw the first pick up in volume in over a month but was largely impacted by the Easter holiday during the prior week.
- With no uniformity as to the timing of states opening back up, further disruption to freight networks and supply chains is anticipated. Major retailers are calling on governors to adopt uniform reopening standards allowing nationwide warehouses and distribution centers to reopen all at once.
- Rail volumes declined 20% y/y last week, which is consistent over the last month
- Our fleet continues to operate, and we are staffed to coordinate loads, establish scheduled or dedicated runs and respond to ad hoc opportunities.
- Our cross docks and logistics centers have space and are staffed to handle forward stocking, shipment diversions, and safety stock as services under our logistics offering.

Europe

- Global Border Crossing Status and restrictions – facilitated by United Nations Economic Commission for Europe;<https://wiki.unece.org/display/CTRBSBC/Observatory+on+Border+Crossings+Status+due+to+COVID-19+Home>
- Coronavirus sparks EU truck sales collapse. The March slump in commercial vehicle registrations highlights the extent of the economic slowdown in Europe. With Fitch Ratings now predicting widespread recession in the EU this year, demand could deteriorate further.
- Germany - Coronavirus is delaying implementation of the e-highway pilot on the A5 motorway in the state of Hesse. This follows engineer shortage at Scania, who are the manufacturer for the pantographic e-truck test model, and repair work on the e-autobahn section of the A5 being postponed due to road works being prioritized elsewhere.

- European Logistics Association (ELA) – Following a surge of demand at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the major road transport trade associations expect a short term drop of between 25% to 30% in the activity compared with the usual levels expected at this time of year, which is both due to the drop of demand and the difficulties experienced by international transporters as a result of imposed borders controls that have been introduced to mitigate the virus spread and additional health checks that are generating queues of several kilometers.

Updates by Country/Territory

Some good news it was reported today that several countries are starting to slowly open Germany/Switzerland/Austria to name three.

- Africa cancelled all African airlines scheduled flights to China except for Ethiopian Airlines.
- Argentina – Quarantine period extended until April 27 in major cities. Banned international passenger flights from COVID-19 affected countries including all of Europe, United States, South Korea, Japan, China and Iran, the decree will be in place for 30 days.
- Australia – Intends to maintain restrictions for at least 4 more weeks. State of Western Australia to introduced hard border closures April 6. Australia. Government will extend the closure of international borders for at least 3-4 months.
- Austria - will deny entry to people arriving from Italy.
- Bangladesh –Has extended the nationwide holiday until April 25 as the country tries to contain the outbreak from COVID-19. All flights from Bahrain, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, UAE and UK have been suspended until April 30. Anyone who lived in or visited the EU or Iran since March 1, 2020, will not be allowed to enter Bangladesh until April 30.
- Belgium – lockdown extended until May 3. There will be no direct commercial air service from Belgium to the United States until at least late April.
- Brazil: São Paulo State extend the quarantine in the state for 15days more and now only essential business will remain open till April 22. Country will bar entry of any non-resident nationals for 30 days.
- Bulgaria - Banned entry on its territory of citizens from 15 countries with large coronavirus outbreaks, including Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Switzerland beginning March 18.
- Cameroon - Air, land and sea borders closed as of 18 March. All passenger flights from abroad will be suspended except for cargo flights & ships.
- Canada and U.S. closed borders March 18 to non-essential travel, it does not include trade. While transport is essential and moving through US/Canada borders / limited impact to rail and ports. All Provinces have now declared a state of emergency and imposed lockdowns for all but essential service. The only airports open to international flights are: YUL, YYZ, YYC and YVR. Truck driver hours of service limits have been “lifted” in Canada for drivers who are engaged in coronavirus- related relief assistance efforts. Windsor International Airport, Ontario, closed to public from 3-30 April because of COVID-19; flights suspended from April 2.
- Cayman Islands – On Tuesday, 7 April 2020, the Cayman Islands Government announced that the Cayman Islands’ borders would remain closed for an additional seven weeks until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 31. During this extended restriction period, domestic, cargo, courier and emergency medical flights will continue to operate, in addition to air bridges and repatriation flights that the Cayman Islands Government approves. (Cayman Island Airport Authority)
- China – Country temporarily suspended foreign nationals with valid Chinese Visas and residence. Government of China released a new policy March 26 that effective immediately every airline can only operate one flight per week to one country. Wuhan Tianhe airport to partially reopen on April 8. Government of China released a new policy March 26 that effective immediately every airline can only operate one flight/per week to one country and the only airline move into Canada is MU (China Eastern Airlines). Wuhan aims to fully resume flight, rail and freight operations by the end of April.
- Colombia: On March 20, President Ivan Duque announced that, starting on the night of March 24, the country will begin a 19-day nationwide quarantine. Inbound international commercial flights are suspended starting March 23 for 30 days.

- Croatia – The government is imposing a 14-day quarantine upon truck drivers returning from Italy, many Croatian drivers are now choosing to remain in their own country, which is having a detrimental effect on haulage in Italy due to the reliance the country has on foreign drivers and adding to the skill shortage within the haulage sector, this is especially felt in the North East region of Italy.
- Czech Republic - The Government of the Czech Republic declared a state of emergency from 2pm on 12 March 2020 to 30 April 2020. The Czech Republic has decided to extend land border controls with Austria and Germany and air border controls which were set to expire on April 24, as it estimates they are vital to combat the novel coronavirus crisis.
- Cyprus – Government bans flights from 28 countries beginning March 28.
- Denmark – Nationwide lockdown will continue until late April. All air traffic from areas hit hard by COVID- 19 are suspended.
- El Salvador - San Salvador International Airport to close for passengers for at least 2 weeks.
- European Union – Non-EU residents are not allowed to enter the region for the next 30 days unless they are long term residents of the EU, family members of EU nationals, diplomats, or essentials workers like doctors, nurses, and researchers.
- France – Paris Orly airport to temporarily shut down beginning March 31, Paris CDG has also temporarily closed two terminals. Lockdown to continue until May 11. The period following May 11 would see a gradual easing of restrictions. Government stops all flights outside of Schengen area. Transport authorities aiming to have 70% of Paris’ network up operational by May 11. Government starts to lift lockdown measures, but some restrictions continue.
- Germany – Government extended lockdown until May 3. Germany's coronavirus infection curve could have now flattened, according to the country's public health chief, as cases across elsewhere in Europe and the US continue to surge.
- Greece - Country to suspend all passenger flights.
- Guyana – Closes all international airports for two weeks beginning March 18.
- Hong Kong – Government closes airports to foreign arrivals indefinitely.
- Hungary – Prime Minister prolongs nationwide lockdown indefinitely.
- Iberia – Ceased all flights March 13 until further notice.
- India – Currently there is an estimated 5 million kilos sitting in Mumbai with cargo flights continuing to add to the backlog both not cleared and unclaimed due to lack of staffing both with customs and operational staff due to Covid-19. The priority is being given to essential freight only i.e. PPE medicine things of that nature. We are looking and have a solution using an alternate airport in India until the backlog has been cleared. India is extending their lockdown to May 3. All international flights are also suspended up to May 3 except cargo flights and special approved flights by DGCS. Domestic and International flights to remain grounded until May 3. Government announces easing of lockdown measures.
- Indonesia - Foreign visitors wishing to enter Indonesia must obtain a visa from Indonesian missions in accordance with the purpose of their visit and applicants must provide a health certificate issued by a relevant health authority from their respective countries. Indonesia will suspend its visa exemption policy for all countries for one month and expand restrictions for people with a history of travel to some of the world’s countries hardest hit by the coronavirus. The suspension includes short-stay visits, visa-on-arrival and diplomatic visa-free facilities.
- Italy – Lockdown extended until May 03. The Italian Government issued a new decree. The measure calls for the cessation of all industrial or commercial production activities, except for essential products and service that are critical to the functioning of the nation. While health officials are becoming increasingly optimistic over the gradual decline in new case numbers, Premier Giuseppe Conte announced much stiffer fines for violators of the national lockdown restrictions. At a Cabinet meeting the government set fines for violators from €400 to €3,000 euros. Borders will remain closed to foreign tourists until the end of the year.
- Iraq – The country suspended all commercial flights to/from until further notice.
- Ireland – Government extends lockdown until May 05. All essential businesses are continuing to operate which includes transportation and supply chain services. Cork Airport joins Dublin Airport & reduces operations.
- Japan – Prime Minister declares state of emergency until May 6 in Tokyo and other areas.

- Kazakhstan - Bans entry to travelers from France, Germany, Italy and Spain.
- Kuwait - Qatar Airways is currently operating outbound flights from Kuwait to Doha (Hamad International Airport) with connections to select U.S. cities. These one-way flights are available for U.S. citizens and U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs). As of March 11, non-Kuwaiti citizens are barred from entering Kuwait through the airport. This does not apply to non-Kuwaiti immediate family members of Kuwaiti citizens who are traveling together with their Kuwaiti family members.
- Lebanon – Government extends lockdown until April 26.
- Liberia – President declares state of emergency, quarantine for three weeks beginning April 10.
- Mali - Authorities suspend flights from countries affected by COVID-19.
- Malta- Country to cease all incoming passenger flights from 21 March & only allow cargo, humanitarian and repatriation flights to land to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Malaysia - The movement of non-essential goods is now prohibited for delivery out of both airport and seaport, extended until April 28. All airports and seaports are still functional as usual except for priority is given to ESSENTIAL GOODS. This is until further notice. The essential goods are: Food and Beverages, Agriculture and Fisheries including those imported, Household Products, Personal Protective Equipment, Pharmaceuticals, Printing Material, Medical and Surgical Devices and Parts, Oil and Gas, petrol Related Chemicals, Chemical Materials (Steel and Poison), and Electricals including semi- conductors. All international flights into Penang to be cancelled. Government extends travel restrictions until May 12
- Mexico - Closed borders with U.S. to non-essential travel, it does not include trade. Government tightens rules on gatherings and declares health emergency until April 30.
- Myanmar - The Myanmar Government temporarily suspends issuance of Visa on Arrival (VOA) and e- visa for all countries until April 30. Effective March 25 all foreign nationals traveling to Myanmar are required to present laboratory evidence of absence of covid-19 infection issued no more than 72 hours to date of travel before boarding any flight to Myanmar. They will be subject to a 14-day facility quarantine on their arrival into Myanmar. Myanmar closed borders with Bangladesh, China, India, Thailand and Laos.
- Netherlands – Government prohibits non-EU travelers from entering the country. The Dutch government has approved the transfer of the large number of cancelled passenger flights at Schiphol due to the corona virus to carriers with unlimited speed and speed. The measure will take effect immediately and will certainly apply until 6 June this year, the independent slot coordinator at Schiphol (ACNL) reports Monday afternoon. The scheme is intended to ensure that enough ad hoc capacity for cargo flights at the airport remains available, as almost 50% of the cargo capacity at Schiphol has disappeared due to the scrapping of passenger flights.
- New Zealand – Country closes borders to all foreign nationals.
- Nigeria - Country bans entry of travelers from 13 countries; China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, UK & US.
- Philippines - Temporarily suspending the acceptance of export air forwarding, import air breakbulk/forwarding and customs brokerage services requirements in Manila, starting March 24, due to a shut down.
- Poland – Country extends border closures, transport ban and lockdown.
- Portugal – Flights continue to be suspended. As of March 11, non-Kuwaiti citizens are barred from entering Kuwait through the airport. This does not apply to non-Kuwaiti immediate family members of Kuwaiti citizens who are traveling together with their Kuwaiti family members.
- Qatar - Government extends suspension of inbound flights except transit and cargo. The Gulf state also extended a lockdown of an industrial area in Doha where authorities reported dozens of cases of the disease.
- Romania - Flights decreased by more than 80% & trains by 20%.
- Russia – Government to ground all international flights from March 27. Government temporarily suspends all flights to and from Russia from April 4, including those repatriating residents.
- Saudi Arabia - Government halts domestic flights & trains until April 2. Government will be temporarily suspending all passenger flights from the United States to The Kingdom. Effective 16 March all passenger flights from LAX, IAD and JFK will be suspended for the next 15 days. They will continue to operate the weekly SV902 freighter from JFK to JED. There is also a possibility that they may operate additional charters. Lockdown has been enforced on the capital Riyadh and the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah to stem the spread of the novel coronavirus. Customs continues to face delays in clearance. Government plans to ease curfew hours during month of Ramadan
- Serbia - Closed its borders for travelers from other countries affected by COVID-19.

- Singapore – Has announced a closure of all non-essential businesses from April 7- May 4. Changi Airport to suspend operation of terminal 2 for 18 months. Country extends partial lockdown measures until 01 June
- South Africa – Lockdown extended until April 30. Emergency level will decrease on May 1
- Spain - Government to extend state of emergency until April 26.
- Sweden – Passengers arriving from outside Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland (Rep.), Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and United Kingdom are not allowed to enter, this does not apply to nationals or their family members. This does not apply to persons transporting goods.
Commercial flight options to the United States remain available with United Airlines from Stockholm via Paris, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam.
- Switzerland - Switzerland includes Spain in entry restrictions. This also applies with immediate effect to air traffic from Austria, France, Germany and Italy.
- Thailand - Authorities have closed their borders except for the Malaysian border. Border open for goods on four crossing points. Foreigners will be banned from entering the country under the emergency decree being invoked to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The emergency decree went into effect on March 26 and remains in force through April 30. The decree bans all foreigners from entry at all entry points - the exceptions being shippers, diplomats, drivers, pilots and others permitted by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha. Phuket airport to close from April 10 until at least April 30. Land & Sea borders are closed. Aviation authority extends ban of all international flights until April 18.
- UAE - Suspends all flights into and from Abu Dhabi. Dubai's Expo 2020 to be postponed. The six-month multibillion-dollar trade fair that organizers had hoped would attract 25 million visitors will not go ahead as scheduled in October. Dubai was pinning many of its economic forecasts on the trade it was expected to generate. Closure of commercial establishments has been extended. Plans are in place to open Dubai to tourists as early as July
- Ukraine – Country completely closes state borders and blocks all passenger traffic.
- United Kingdom – Has extended their country lock down for another 3 weeks, announced April 16. Warehouses remain fully functional. Haulage – services have been cut back to reduce risk to drivers, therefore next day deliveries can no longer be guaranteed, LHR haulers only offering either dedicated deliveries or 2 to 3-day service. All shipping personnel qualify as key workers. London City airport to close until further notice. London Heathrow Airport to close one of their runways from 06 April due to reduction in flights. Lockdown measures extended for three weeks.
- United States – In an unprecedented attempt to seal off the United States from the rest of the globe, President Donald Trump said he would temporarily suspend immigration into the country. CDC extends no sail order for all cruise ships. U.S./Mexico border and U.S./Canada border closed to all non-essential travel, trade and commerce is exempted from the ban. U.S. suspended travel to the U.S. from Europe's Schengen Area for non-U.S. citizens and legal residents. Any US citizen or lawful U.S. permanent resident returning to the U.S. who has traveled to any of the EU Schengen Area States within the previous 14 days can only re-enter the US through one of the approved airports, foreign nationals having been within this area in the last 14 days will be unable to travel to the US. Approved airports are as follows; ATL, DFW, DTW, EWR, HNL, JFK, LAX ORD, SEA, SFO, IAD. New York's lockdown extended until May 15. Major airlines are beginning to implement new health and safety measures of PPE for their flight attendants. Delta, United Airlines and American Airlines employees will be requested to wear face masks.
- Venezuela – Customs Authority offices are slowing down their operations. Currently they work until 2pm average. All orders are being processed under regular terms if proper documentation is provided accordingly. Main airports in Caracas, Valencia and Barcelona are operative. Operation restricted until 2pm average everyday only for CAO. PAX not accepted. Ocean ports operating normally. There is commodity restriction for inland distribution: industrial products, raw materials and first basic needs (foods and medicines) are allowed. Truck appointments at port are required with 1 day in advance. There are difficulties to provide same day pick up. There is gas shortage currently limiting equipment availability for internal transportation. Refineries stopped. General quarantine extended to April 30.
- Vietnam - All foreigners denied entry, (no crew change) still no guidance on whether the ban will extend after the 30 days (April 18). As of March 25, all non-essential business has been closed. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has ordered the suspension of all international flights to Vietnam amidst restricted entry into the country by air, road and sea.
- Zimbabwe - Government bans local and international travel as it declares national disaster.

Land Borders

- The UK government are expected to offer aid packages to ferry operators to ensure that they can maintain services as freight demand drops along with the loss of passenger travel. Freight routes between Europe and United Kingdom and Ireland are a critical supply chain link and facilitate the supply of medical supplies. Last month Ireland allocated €15m (£13m) to buy capacity on various routes to ensure ferry operators stay open.
- European road freight could contract 17% in 2020 The COVID-19 crisis gripping Europe could erase nearly one-fifth of the value of the region's road freight market in 2020 in a worst-case scenario, new research from Ti reveals, and a contraction of 4.8% 'now looks like a best-case scenario
- EU goods which are subject to Russian sanctions can now be transported from Europe to China by rail using electronic seals during transit through Russia.
- European road freight giant Waberer's struggles with Covid-19 cutbacks. Facing falling demand, Hungarian group introduces 'special' measures, which include taking a "significant portion" of its truck company". The company has around 4,300 HGVs and employs more than 8,000 staff.

European Union

- Issues guidelines to all member states on "green lanes". Four objectives to make real progress on EU roads. Even with these guidelines in place, the wait time is substantially high.
- Crossing the border to take a maximum of 15 minutes
- Green lanes must be open to vehicles carrying any type of goods
- Governments must suspend restrictions
- Less paperwork for transport workers
- Sixfold have a free application that maps out European borders with live information on crossing times <https://covid-19.sixfold.com/>
- The border crossing linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia has been closed by the Bahraini authorities as of March 25. The anticipated reopening date is unknown currently; however, cargo is still moving across the causeway and this goes to all borders with Saudi including airport.

EU Summary

- German Bavaria Borders to Austria – filtering system in place to separate cars for checks with goods vehicles being waved through, smaller delivery vehicles are being checked for passengers.
- German Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland border into France – experiencing considerable waiting times, mainly due to the lack of infrastructure
- German Baden-Wuerttemberg into France – paper checks are normally conducted; however, the additional controls are having a massive impact on traffic flows with reported long delays of up to 3 hours.
- Austria Brenner into Italy – backlog of around 80 kilometers of traffic passing into Austria.
- Poland - Czech Republic borders becoming completely blocked as checks are conducted.
- France – all internal and external borders have controls in place that began March 17 to prevent entry to non-resident travelers, this includes all Schengen borders.
- EU leaders plan to close external borders for 30 days to prevent spread of virus but establish fast-track lanes at their countries' frontiers to keep goods moving
- Finland - Border restrictions imposed. Passenger train service with Russia set to end. Goods and cargo transports will continue across all borders.

Not part of the Schengen Area

- Moldova has closed Chisinau Airport and land borders with Romania and Ukraine
- Austria - Austrian chancellor Sebastian Kurz announced plans to limit movement nationwide. He said people should go out "only alone or with the people who live in their apartment." Poland and Lithuania are also shutting their borders